

WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE
MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT
for
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, PERIPHERALS AND RELATED SERVICES
GATEWAY COMPANIES

Number A63308

This Agreement is made and entered into by Gateway Companies, 610 Gateway Drive, N. Sioux City, SD, 57049, ("Contractor") and the Department of Administration ("State") on behalf of the State of Minnesota, participating members of the National Association of State Procurement officials (NASPO), members of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) and other authorized Participating States and Participating Entities.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the State has the need to purchase and the Contractor desire to sell; and,

WHEREAS, the State has the authority to offer contracts to CPV members of the State of Minnesota and to other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

INTENT AND PURPOSE

The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to establish a contractual relationship with equipment manufacturers to provide, warrant, and offer maintenance services on **ALL** products proposed in their response to the RFP issued by the State of Minnesota. The Contractor may use subcontractors to provide the warranty and/or maintenance services; however the Contractor will be responsible for working with the equipment manufacturer on behalf of the Purchasing Entity and for the timeliness and quality of all services provided. No type of Lease transactions are allowed through this Agreement.

The Agreement is **NOT** for the purchase of major, large hardware or hardware and software offerings. In general, individual units/configurations should not exceed \$50,000 each. It is the expressed intent of some of the Participating States to set this level at not to exceed \$25,000 each. This **IS NOT** a restriction on how many units/configurations can be purchased, but on the value of each individual unit/configuration. Individual Participating States and Participating Entities may set specific limits in a participating addendum, with the prior approval of the WSCA Directors.

Contractors may offer, but participating states and entities do not have to accept, limited professional services related **ONLY** to the equipment and configuration of the equipment purchased through the Agreement.

1. Definitions

"Announced Promotional Price" are prices offered nationally to specific categories of customers (Consumer, Business or government) for defined time periods under predefined terms and conditions.

"Contract" means an agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.

"Contract Administrator" means an individual appointed by the State to administer this Agreement on behalf of the State of Minnesota, the participating NASPO and WSCA members, and other authorized purchasers.

"Contractor" shall mean successful Responder who enters into a binding Master Price Agreement. The Contractor is responsible for all sales, support, warranty, and maintenance services for the products included in this Agreement. The Contractor must manufacture or take direct, non-assignable, legal responsibility for the manufacture of the equipment and warranty thereof.

"Consumables" that are required for the operation of Equipment offered or supplied are included – printer cartridges, batteries, projector bulbs, etc. Consumables such as magnetic media, paper and generally available office supplies are excluded.

"CPV Member" is any governmental unit having independent policy making and appropriating authority, that is a member of Minnesota's Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) program.

"CPV Program" The Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) program, as established by Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 10, authorizes the Commissioner of Administration to "enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement for the provision of goods, services, and utilities with [governmental entities] ..., as described in section 471.59, subdivision 1." Based on this authority, the commissioner of Administration, through the Materials Management Division (MMD), enters into a joint powers agreement that designates MMD as the authorized purchasing agent for the governmental entity. It is not legal for governmental entities that are not members of the CPV program to purchase from a State contract. Vendors are free to respond to other solicitations with the same prices they offer under a contract, but that is not considered use of the "State contract price."

"Cumulative Volume Discount" means a contractual, cumulative, permanent volume discount based on dollars resulting from the cumulative purchases by all governmental purchasers for the duration of their Master Price Agreement.

"Documentation" refers to manuals, handbooks, and other publications listed in the PSS, or supplied with products listed in the PSS, or supplied in connection with services. Documentation may be provided on magnetic media or may be downloaded from the Contractor's web site.

"E-Rate" is a program sponsored by the Federal Communications Commission whereby educational and other qualifying institutions may purchase authorized technology at reduced prices.

"Educational Discount Price" means the price offered in a nationally announced promotion, which is limited to educational customers only, as defined by the Contractor.

"Energy Star®" is a voluntary energy efficiency program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Energy Star program makes identification of energy efficient computers easy by labeling products that deliver the same or better performance as comparable models while using less energy and saving money. Energy Star qualified computers and monitors automatically power down to 15 watts or less when not in use and may actually last longer than conventional products because they spend a large portion of time in a low-power sleep mode. For additional information on the Energy Star program, including product specifications and a list of qualifying products, visit the Energy Star website at <http://www.energystar.gov>.

"Equipment" means workstations, desktop, laptop (includes Tablet PC's), and handheld (PDA) devices, servers, computing hardware, including upgrade components such as memory, storage drives, and spare parts.

"FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission or successor federal agency. In the event of deregulation, this term applies to one or more state regulatory agencies or other governing bodies charged to perform the same, or similar, role.

"General Price Reduction Price" means the price offered to consumer, business or governmental purchaser at prices lower than PSS pricing. General price reduction prices will be reflected in the PSS as soon as practical.

"ISO 14001" is the conformance standard within the family of ISO 14000 documents developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in Geneva, Switzerland. Similar in structure to the ISO 9000 quality management system standard, ISO 14001 outlines key requirements companies should comply with in order to operate in an environmentally responsible manner. Utilizing ISO 14001, companies can merge environmental programs into one coherent system to efficiently manage all environmental activities. In short, ISO 14001 provides organizations with a way to demonstrate to their customers that their environmental processes and impact are effectively managed, continually improving, and part of the corporate management system. For more information, please refer to www.iso.org.

"Lead State" means the State conducting this cooperative solicitation and centrally administering any resulting Master Price Agreement(s). For this solicitation, the Lead State is Minnesota.

"Mandatory" The terms "must" and "shall" identify a mandatory item or factor.

"Manufacturer" means the company that designs, assembles, and markets computer equipment including workstations, desktop computers, laptop (includes Tablet PC's) computers, handheld (PDA) devices, servers, printers, and storage solutions/auxiliary storage devices. The manufacturer's name(s) shall appear on the computer equipment. The Contractor shall provide warranty service and maintenance for equipment covered by this Agreement as well as a Takeback Program.

"Master Price Agreement" means the contract that MMD will approve that contains the foundation terms and conditions for the acquisition of Contractor's products and/or services by Purchasing Entities. The "master price agreement" is a permissive price agreement. In order for a Purchasing Entity to participate in a Master Price Agreement, the appropriate state procurement official or other designated procurement official must be a Participating State or Participating Entity.

"Materials Management Division" or "MMD" means the procurement official for the State of Minnesota or a designated representative.

"NASPO" means the National Association of State Procurement Officials.

"Participating Addendum" means a bilateral agreement executed by the Contractor and a Participating State or political subdivision of a State that clarifies the operation of the price agreement for the State or political subdivision concerned, e.g. ordering procedures specific to a State or political subdivision and other specific language or other requirements. Terms and conditions contained in a Participating Addendum shall take precedence over the corresponding terms in the master price agreement. Additional terms and conditions may be added via the Participating Addendum. However, a Participating Addendum may not alter the scope of this Agreement or any other Participating Addendum. ***Unless otherwise specified, the Participating Addendum shall renew consecutively with the Master Price Agreement.*** One physically or digitally signed copy of each Participating Addendum shall be filed by the Contractor with the Contract Administrator within five (5) days after execution.

"Participating State" or "Participating Entity" means a member of NASPO (Participating State) or a political subdivision of a NASPO member (Participating Entity) who has indicated its intent to participate by signing an Intent to Participate, or who subsequently signs a Participating Addendum where required, or another state or political subdivision of another state authorized by the WSCA Directors to be a party to the resulting Master Price Agreement through the execution of a participating addendum.

"PDA" means a Personal Digital Assistant. Refers to a wide variety of handheld and palm-size PCs, and electronic organizers. PDA's usually can store phone numbers, appointments, and to-do lists. PDA's can have a small keyboard, and/or have only a special pen that is used for input and output. The PDA can also have a wireless fax modem. Files can be created on a PDA which are later entered into a larger computer. **NOTE: For this Agreement, all Tablet PC's are NOT considered PDA's.**

"Peripherals" include but are not limited to storage, printers (including multifunction network print/fax/scanner/copying devices), scanners, monitors, keyboards, cameras (digital and video used in conjunction with computing equipment), projectors, uninterruptible power supplies and accessories. Adaptive/Assistive technology devices are included as well as configurations for education. Peripherals may be manufactured by a third party, however, Contractor shall not offer any peripherals manufactured by another contractor holding a Master Price Agreement without the prior approval of the Contract Administrator.

"Per Transaction Multiple Unit Discount" means a contractual volume discount based on dollars in a single purchase order or combination of purchase orders submitted at one time by a Purchasing Entity or multiple entities conducting a cooperative purchase.

"Political Subdivision" means local public governmental subdivisions of a state, as defined by that state's statutes, including instrumentalities and institutions thereof. Political subdivisions include cities, counties, courts, public schools and institutions of higher education.

"Price Agreement" means an indefinite quantity contract that requires the Contractor to furnish products or services to a Purchasing Entity that issues a valid Purchase Order.

"Procurement Manager" means the person or designee authorized by MMD to manage the relationships with WSCA, NASPO, and Participating States/Participating Entities.

"Product(s)" means personal computer equipment, peripherals, LAN hardware Software, and Network Storage devices, but not unrelated services.

"Products and Services Schedule Prices" mean the maximum prices offered to Participating Entities exclusive of Announced Promotional Prices, Education Discount Prices, General Price Reductions, or Large Order Negotiated Prices. All such products and services shall be listed on the Contractor's web site accessible via a URL.

"Purchase Order" means an electronic or paper document issued by the Purchasing Entity that directs the Contractor to deliver Products or Services pursuant to a Price Agreement.

"Purchasing Entity" means a Participating State or another legal entity, such as a political subdivision, properly authorized by a Participating State to enter into a Agreement for the purchase of goods described in this solicitation. Unless otherwise limited by statute, in this solicitation or in a Participating Addendum, political subdivisions of Participating States are Purchasing Entities and authorized to purchase the goods and/or services described in this solicitation.

"Services" are broadly classed as installation/de-installation, maintenance, support, training, migration, and optimization of products offered or supplied under the Master Price Agreement. These types of services may include, but are not limited to: warranty services, maintenance, installation, de-installation, factory integration (software or equipment components), asset management, recycling/disposal, training and certification, pre-implementation design, disaster recovery planning and support, service desk/help desk, and any other directly related technical support service required for the effective operation of a product offered or supplied. General consulting and all forms of application development and programming services are excluded.

"Servicing Subcontractor" or "Reseller Agent" or "Subcontractor" means a Contractor authorized and state-approved subcontractor who may provide local marketing support or other authorized services on behalf of the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contractor's Master Price Agreement. A wholly owned subsidiary or other company providing warranty or other technical support services qualifies as a Servicing Subcontractor. Local business partners may qualify as Servicing Subcontractors. Servicing Subcontractors may not directly accept Purchase Orders or payments for Products or Services from Purchasing Entities, unless otherwise provided in a Participating Agreement. Servicing Subcontractors shall be named individually or by class in the Participating Addendum. The Contractor actually holding the Master Price Agreement shall be responsible for Servicing Subcontractor's providing warranty service and maintenance for equipment on a Master Price Agreement as well as the Take back Program.

"Standard Configurations" mean deeply discounted standard configurations that are available to Purchasing Entities using the Master Price Agreement only. This specification includes a commitment to maintain and upgrade (keep pace with the advance of technology) the standard configurations for a stated period of time or intervals.

"State Procurement Official" means the director of the central purchasing authority of a state.

"Storage Solution/Auxiliary Storage" means the technology and equipment used for storage of large amounts of data or information. This includes technologies such as: Network Attached Storage (NAS); Storage Area Networks (SAN); Content Addressed Storage (CAS); and/or Clustered Network Storage (CNS).

"Takeback Program" means the Contractor's process for accepting the return of the equipment or other products at the end of life.

"Trade In" refers to the exchange of used Equipment for new Equipment at a price reduced by the value of the used Equipment.

"Travel" means expenses incurred by authorized personnel directly related to the performance of a Service. All such expenses shall be documented in a firm quotation for the Purchasing Entity prior to the issuance and acceptance of a Purchase Order. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the purchasing entities allowances, if any, as outlined in the PA.

"Universal Resource Locator" or "URL" means a standardized addressing scheme for accessing hypertext documents and other services using the WWW browser.

"WSCA" means the Western States Contracting Alliance, a cooperative group contracting consortium for state procurement officials, representing departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) for the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

2. Scope of Work

The Contractor, or its approved subcontractor, shall accept purchase orders from and deliver computing system Products and services to Purchasing Entities in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement is a "Master Price Agreement". Accordingly, the Contractor shall provide Products or Services only upon the issuance and acceptance by the Contractor of valid "Purchase Orders". Purchase Orders may be issued to purchase the license for software or to purchase products listed on the Contractor's PSS. A Purchasing Entity may purchase any quantity of Product or Service listed in the Contractor's PSS at the prices in accordance the Paragraph 13, Price Guarantees. Subcontractor participation is governed by the individual Participating State procurement official. The Contractor is required to provide warranty and maintenance services on equipment that is purchased. The Contractor shall offer a Takeback Program for all products covered by this Agreement.

3. Title Passage

The Contractor must pass unencumbered title to any and all products purchased under this Agreement upon receipt of the product by the Purchasing Entity. This obligation on the part of the Contractor to transfer all ownership rights does not apply to proprietary materials owned or licensed by the Contractor or its subsidiaries, subcontractors or licensor, or to unmodified commercial software that is available to the State on the open market. Ownership rights to such materials shall not be affected in any manner by this Agreement.

4. Permissive Price Agreement and Quantity Guarantee

This Agreement is not an exclusive agreement. Purchasing Entities may obtain computing system Products and services from other sources during the agreement term. The State of Minnesota, NASPO and WSCA make no express or implied warranties whatsoever that any particular number of Purchase Orders will be issued or that any particular quantity or dollar amount of Products or Services will be procured.

5. Order of Precedence

Each Purchase Order that is accepted by the Contractor shall become a part of the Agreement as to the Products and Services listed on the Purchase Order only; no additional terms or conditions conflicting with this Agreement or the Participating Addendum will be added to this Agreement as the result of acceptance of a Purchase Order. The Contractor agrees to accept all valid Purchase Orders. In the event of any conflict among these documents, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- A. Executed Participating Addendum(s);
- B. Terms and conditions of this Agreement;
- C. Exhibits and amendments to this Agreement;
- D. The list of products and services contained in the purchase order;
- E. The request for proposals document P-1331 and Addenda thereto; and
- F. Contractor's proposal including any written clarifications and/or best and final offer.

6. Payment Provisions

All payments under this Agreement are subject to the following provisions:

A. Acceptance

A Purchasing Entity shall reasonably determine whether all Products and Services delivered meet the Contractor's published specifications. No payment shall be made for any Products or Services until the Purchasing Entity has accepted the Products or Services. The Purchasing Entity will notify the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days following delivery of non-acceptance of a product or service, failing which the Product or Services, as the case may be, shall be deemed accepted by the Purchasing Entity.

B. Payment of Invoice

- 1. Payments shall be submitted to the Contractor at the address shown on the invoice, as long as the Contractor has exercised due diligence in notifying the State of Minnesota and/or the Purchasing Entity of any changes to that address. Payments shall be made in accordance with the applicable laws of the Purchasing Entity.

2. For Minnesota, per Minn. Stat. § 16A.124, payment shall be made to the Contractor within thirty (30) days following receipt of an undisputed invoice, merchandise or service whichever is later. After the thirtieth day, interest may be paid on the unpaid balance due to the Contractor at the rate of one and one-half percent per month. The Purchasing Entity shall make a good-faith effort to pay within thirty (30) days on all undisputed invoices. Payments may be made via a Purchasing Entity's "Purchasing Card".
3. In the event an order is shipped incomplete (partial), the Purchasing Entity shall pay for each shipment as invoiced by the Contractor unless the Purchasing Entity has clearly specified "No Partial Shipments" on each Purchase Order.

C. Payment of Taxes

Payment of taxes for any money received under this agreement shall be the Contractor's sole responsibility and shall be reported under the Contractor's federal and state tax identification numbers. If a Purchasing Entity is not exempt from sales, gross receipts, or local option taxes for the transaction, the Contractor shall be reimbursed by the Purchasing Entity to the extent of any tax liability assessed.

The State of Minnesota State agencies are subject to paying Minnesota sales and use taxes. Taxes for State agencies will be paid directly to the Department of Revenue using Direct Pay Permit #1114.

D. Invoices

Invoices shall be submitted to the Purchasing Entity at the address shown on the Purchase Order. Contractor shall provide a commercial invoice. The Contractor shall also provide a packing slip/list for each system to identify the components included within the configuration.

7. Agreement Term

Pursuant to Minnesota law, the term of this Agreement shall be effective upon the date of final execution by the State of Minnesota or on September 1, 2004, whichever is later, through August 31, 2007 (3 years). The Agreement may be mutually renewed for two (2) additional one-year terms unless terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

8. Termination

The following provisions are applicable in the event that the agreement is terminated.

A. Termination for Convenience

At any time, the State may terminate this agreement, in whole or in part, by giving the Contractor (30) days written notice; provided, however, neither the State nor a Purchasing Entity has the right to terminate a specific purchase order for convenience after it has been issued if the product is ultimately accepted. At any time, the Contractor may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, by giving the Contract Administrator sixty (60) days written notice. Such termination shall not relieve the Contractor of warranty or other Service obligations incurred under the terms of this Agreement. In the event of a cancellation, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed and accepted.

B. Termination for Cause

Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause based upon material breach of this Agreement by the other party, provided that the non-breaching party shall give the breaching party written notice specifying the breach and shall afford the breaching party a reasonable opportunity to correct the breach. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written notice the breaching party has not corrected the breach or, in the case of a breach that cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun and proceeded in good faith to correct the breach, the non-breaching party may declare the breaching party in default and terminate the Agreement effective immediately. The non-breaching party shall retain any and all other remedies available to it under the law.

C. A Purchasing Entity's Rights

In the event this Agreement expires or is terminated for any reason, a Purchasing Entity shall retain its rights in all Products and services accepted prior to the effective termination date.

D. The Contractor's Rights

In the event this Agreement expires or is terminated for any reason, a Purchasing Entity shall pay the Contractor all amounts due for Products and services ordered and accepted prior to the effective termination date or ordered before the effective termination date and ultimately accepted.

9. Non-Appropriation

The terms of this Agreement and any purchase order issued for multiple years under this Agreement is contingent upon sufficient appropriations being made by the Legislature or other appropriate governing entity. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in this Agreement or in any purchase order or other document, a Purchasing Entity may terminate its obligations under this Agreement, if sufficient appropriations are not made by the governing entity at a level sufficient to allow for payment of the goods or services due for multiple year agreements, or if operations of the paying entity are being discontinued. The Purchasing Entity's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final and binding.

A Purchasing Entity shall provide sixty (60) days notice, if possible, of its intent to terminate for reason cited above. Such termination shall relieve the Purchasing Entity, its officers and employees from any responsibility or liability for the payment of any further amounts under the relevant Purchase Order.

10. Shipment and Risk of Loss

- A. All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination, prepaid and allowed, with all transportation and handling charges included in the price of the product and paid by the Contractor. Responsibility and liability for loss or damage shall remain with the Contractor until delivery to the identified ship to address when responsibility and liability for loss shall pass to the Purchasing Entity except as to latent defects, fraud and Contractor's warranty obligations.
- B. Whenever a Purchasing Entity does not accept Products and returns them to the Contractor, all related documentation furnished by the Contractor shall be returned also in accordance with the Contractor's commercial Return Policy. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Purchasing Entity, the Contractor is responsible for the pick-up of returned Products. The Contractor shall bear all risk of loss or damage with respect to returned Products except for loss or damage directly attributable to the negligence or wrongful intentional act or omission of the Purchasing Entity.
- C. Unless otherwise arranged between the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, all shipments of Products should be shipped within three-to-five days by a reliable and insured shipping company.

11. Warranties

- A. The Contractor agrees to warrant and assume responsibility for each Product that it licenses or sells to the Purchasing Entity under this Agreement in accordance with the Contractor's standard warranties. The Contractor acknowledges that the Uniform Commercial Code applies to this Agreement. In general, the Contractor warrants that:
 - 1. The Product will conform with the specific technical information about the Contractor's products which is published in the Contractor's product manuals or data sheets.
 - 2. The Product will be suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is intended,
 - 3. The Product will meet any mandatory specifications provided in writing to the Contractor prior to reliance by the Participating Entity on the Contractor's skill or judgment when it advised the Purchasing Entity about the Product's ability to meet those mandatory specifications.
- 4. The Product has been properly designed and manufactured for its intended use, and

5. The Product is free of significant defects in material and workmanship, or unusual problems about which the Purchasing Entity has not been warned.
6. Exhibit A contains additional warranties in effect as of the date of this Agreement. The warranties will be limited in duration to the time period(s) provided in Exhibit A. The warranties will not apply to use of a Product other than as anticipated and intended by the Contractor, to a problem arising after changes or modifications to the Products or operating system by any party other than the Contractor (unless expressly authorized in writing by the Contractor), or to use of a Product in conjunction or combination with other products or software not authorized by the Contractor. The following is a list of the warranties attached as **Exhibit A**:
 - a) Gateway Custom Integrated Solutions (CIS) Software Installation Agreement
 - b) Standard Terms and Conditions for Gateway Custom Integrated Solutions
 - c) Standard Terms of Sale and Limited Warranty Agreement
- B. Contractor may modify the limited warranties described in Exhibit A from time to time with prior written approval of the Contract Administrator. Scope and length of limited warranties are set forth within the specific configurations on the Contractor's web page.
- C. Warranty documents for Products manufactured by a third party shall be delivered to the Purchasing Entity with the Products, as provided by the Manufacturer.

12. Patent, Copyright, Trademark and Trade Secret Indemnification

- A. The Contractor shall defend, at its own expense, the State of Minnesota, Participating States, Participating Entities, Purchasing Entities against any claim that any Product or Service provided under this Agreement infringes any patent, copyright or trademark in the United States or Puerto Rico, and shall pay all costs, damages and attorneys' fees that a court finally awards as a result of any such claim. In addition, if any third party obtains a judgment against a Purchasing Entity based upon the Contractor's trade secret infringement relating to any Product or Service provided under this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Purchasing Entity for all costs, attorneys' fees and the amount of the judgment. To qualify for such defense and/or payment, the Lead State or Participating or Purchasing Entity shall:
 1. Give the Contractor prompt written notice of any claim;
 2. Allow the Contractor to control the defense or settlement of the claim; and
 3. Cooperate with the Contractor in a reasonable way to facilitate the defense or settlement of the claim.
- B. If any Products or Service becomes, or in the Contractor's opinion is likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement, the Contractor shall at its option and expense:
 1. Provide a Purchasing Entity the right to continue using the Products or Services;
 2. Replace or modify the Products or Services so that it becomes non-infringing; or
 3. Accept the return of the Products or Service and refund an amount equal to the depreciated value of the returned Products or Service, less the unpaid portion of the purchase price and any other amounts, which are due to the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation will be void as to any Products or Services modified by the Purchasing Entity to the extent such modification is the cause of the claim.
- C. The Contractor has no obligation for any claim of infringement arising from:
 1. The Contractor's compliance with the Purchasing Entity's or by a third party on the Purchasing Entity's behalf designs, specifications, or instructions;
 2. The Contractor's use of technical information or technology provided by the Purchasing Entity;
 3. Product modifications by the Purchasing Entity or a third party;
 4. Product use prohibited by Specifications or related application notes; or
 5. Product use with products that are not the Contractor branded.

13. Price Guarantees

The Purchasing Entities shall pay the lower of the prices contained in the PSS or an Announced Promotion Price, Educational Discount Price, General Price Reduction price, Trade-In price, Per Transaction Multiple Unit Discount Price, or Standard Configuration Price. Only the General Price Reduction price decreases will apply to all subsequent Purchase Orders quoted by Contractor after the date of the issuance of the General Price Reduction prices.

The initial Cumulative, Per Transaction Multiple Unit, and Standard Configurations Discounts shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator in a format agreeable to both parties prior to signing the Agreement. When the Cumulative Inception-to-Date Sales Volume ("ITD SV") for all WSCA Participating Entities of the Contractor reaches the thresholds shown below, the Contractor will apply the greater discount listed to all prospective Orders placed by WSCA Participating Entities for that Product Series. ITD SV will be calculated within thirty (30) days after the end of each quarter. The increased discount(s) will be applied to Orders issued on the first of the month of the following quarter.

14. Product and Service Schedule

The Contractor agrees to maintain the PSS in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. The PSS prices for Products and services will conform to the guaranteed price discount levels on file with the Contract Administrator for the following Products:
 - Band 1: File/Print Servers, Mid-Range Servers
 - Band 2: Desktops, Laptops, Tablet PCs,
 - Band 3: Printers, High speed; Medium speed; Desktop; Laptop
 - Band 4: Storage SolutionsLAN equipment and related software.
General Purpose Software
- B. The Contractor may change the price of any Product or Service at any time, based upon documented baseline price changes, but the guaranteed price discount levels shall remain unchanged during the agreed period unless or until prior approval is obtained from the Contract Administrator. The Contractor agrees that the PSS on the State's administration website shall contain a single, uniform WSCA price for configurations and items. Failure to comply with this requirements will be grounds for further action to be taken against the Contractor.
- C. The Contractor may make model changes; add new Products, and Product upgrades or Services to the PSS in accordance with Item 15. Product Substitutions, below. The pricing for these changes shall incorporate, to the extent possible, comparable price discount levels approved by the Contract Administrator for similar Products or Services.
- D. The Contractor agrees to delete obsolete and discontinued Products from the PSS on a timely basis.
- E. The Contractor shall maintain the PSS on a Contractor supplied Internet web site.

15. Product Substitutions

A. Substitution of units/configurations

MMD and the WSCA Directors acknowledge that individual units and configurations may stop being produced during the life of the resulting Agreements. Substitution of different units and configurations will be permitted with the prior written approval of the Contract Administrator. This substitution is at the sole discretion of the Contract Administrator, subject only to review and approval of the Contract Administrator.

B. Addition of units/configurations

MMD and the WSCA Directors acknowledge that with the evolution of technology, new, emerging units and configurations will develop. Addition of these new, emerging units to the PSS may be permitted, with the prior approval of the Contract Administrator and the WSCA Directors. The addition of new, emerging units and configurations is at the sole discretion of the Contract Administrator, subject only to review and approval of the WSCA Directors.

16. Technical Support

The Contractor agrees to maintain a toll-free technical support telephone line. The line shall be accessible to Purchasing Entity personnel who wish to obtain competent technical assistance regarding the hardware and software installation or operation of Contractor-supplied Products during the product warranty period or during a support agreement.

17. Take back/Environment/Energy Efficiency Programs

The Contractor agrees to maintain for the term of this Agreement, and all renewals/extensions thereof, programs as described in their response to the RFP, including but not limited to:

- A. Take back/Recycling of CPUs, servers, monitors, flat panel displays, notebook computers, and printers. Costs are listed on the web site.
- B. Environment: Compliance with the European Unions' Directives, or other international directives; reduction/minimization/avoidance of the use of toxic and hazardous constituents; certification by independent third party eco-labeling programs (TCO, Blue Angel, and Nordic Swan); ISO 14001 certification; and the use of recyclable, nontoxic packaging.
- C. Energy Efficiency: Products meet the Energy Star or other recognized programs for energy efficiency.
- D. Product labeling of compliance with Items B & C above, as well as identification of such information on the web site.

The Contractor will notify the Contract Administrator, in writing, of any additions/changes/deletions to the above programs.

18. Product Delivery

Contractor agrees to deliver Products to Purchasing Entities within 10 - 30 days after receipt of a valid Purchase Order pending parts availability, or in accordance with the schedule in the Purchasing Entity's Purchase Order. The Contractor shall provide the estimated time of arrival at the time of quotation.

19. Force Majeure

Neither party hereto shall be considered in default in the performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that performance of any such obligations is prevented or delayed by acts of God, war, strike, riot, industry-wide constraints, or other catastrophes beyond the reasonable control of the party unless the act or occurrence could have been reasonably foreseen and reasonable action could have been taken to prevent the delay or failure to perform. A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default and take all necessary steps to bring about performance as soon as practicable.

20. Records and Audit

Per Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, Subd. 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Contractor and its employees, agents, or subcontractors relevant to the Minnesota transactions must be made available and subject to examination by the contracting agency or its agents, the Legislative Auditor and/or the State Auditor for a minimum of six years after the end of the Contract or transaction.

Unless otherwise required by other than Minnesota Purchasing Entity governing law, such records relevant to other Purchasing Entity transactions shall be subject to examination by appropriate government authorities for a period of three years from the date of acceptance of the Purchase Order.

21. Independent Contractor

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors and are not employees of the State of Minnesota or of any participating entity. The Contractor has no authorization, express or implied to bind the Lead State, NASPO, WSCA or any Participating Entity to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding with other third parties whatsoever, and agrees not to perform any acts as agent for the Lead State, NASPO, WSCA, or Participating Entity, except as expressly set forth herein. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of state vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the Lead